

# INFORMATION REPORT

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SUBJECT TARS (Soviet-Rumanian Transport Airlines);  
New Airstrip at Baneasa; Air Travel  
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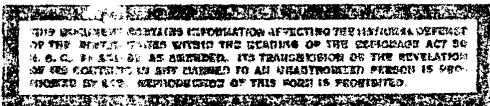
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1. TARS has daily flights from Bucharest to Constanta, Bucharest to Cluj, Bucharest to Timisoara, Bucharest to Arad, Bucharest to Galati-Iasi and from Bucharest to Craiova. The flight between Bucharest to Constanta does not operate during the winter months.
2. TARS uses between 15 to 20 planes. Most of these are DC-3's made in the USSR which were brought into Rumania in 1946. Prior to 1946 LARES had between 10 and 14 Lockheed transports and two DC-3's. [redacted] pilots are not satisfied with the quality and performance of the Soviet-made DC-3's.
3. The entire administrative organization of the airline has been reorganized by the Soviets. The General Director of the line is a Soviet Colonel, (name unknown) 55 years of age. He is attached to the Soviet Air Force and, although he formerly wore a uniform, he now wears civilian clothing. The General Director speaks some English and Rumanian.
4. An airstrip was recently completed at Baneasa. [redacted] seen small Soviet-made passenger planes, called "taxi-avion", which carry three persons and the pilot. A military air base is at Pipera.
5. Recently Rumanian authorities issued new regulations concerning fraternization between pilots and passengers. The pilot's compartment has been completely isolated from the passenger section, and guards armed with sub-machine guns prevent passengers from approaching the pilots. Passengers are searched for concealed arms. Travel permits are not needed by Rumanians unless they are traveling to military areas; foreigners, however, must have travel permits.

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